



## **Legal Studies A.B.**

Career Community: Public Service Careers

Curriculum Code: 0101

Effective: Fall 2023 – Summer 2028

### **Description**

Pursue your path to studying law or train to be a paralegal. Paralegals generally work under the supervision of an attorney as authorized by law and adhere to recognized ethical standards and rules of professional responsibility. Paralegals investigate the facts; conduct interviews; perform legal research; analyze substantive and procedural laws; draft appropriate documents including: briefs, pleadings, and other forms. Paralegals possess strong technology and case management skills. A Legal Studies degree will prepare you for a variety of career opportunities in private law firms, governmental agencies, corporations, financial institutions, courts systems, legal aid organizations, and other industries. This program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). Paralegals are not authorized to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course.

### **Milestone**

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of LEGL 115 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

### **Additional Information**

Legal Studies Program Legal Specialty Courses Transfer Credit Policy\*

The Lansing Community College Legal Studies Program may award transfer credit for designated, legal specialty courses on a case-by-case basis determined by the Legal Studies Program Director, subject to approval of the Dean of the Technical Careers Division. The current Legal Studies specialty courses are LEGL 115, LEGL 125, LEGL 211, LEGL 212, LEGL 218, LEGL 222, LEGL 223, LEGL 225, LEGL 228, LEGL 229 and LEGL 270. The following conditions apply to the transfer of these legal specialty courses:

1. Transfer credit may be awarded for substantially similar courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher in an ABA approved, or other post-secondary academically accredited academic Legal Studies program. To be considered "substantially similar", the course must have incorporated the same or similar topics and assignments as the LCC Legal Studies specialty course sought to be credited as evidenced by a catalog description, detailed syllabus, and course reference file.
2. No more than 9 semester credit hours of Legal Studies specialty course credit may be earned toward the Legal Studies Associate Degree or Legal Studies Post-Bachelor Certificate by transfer credit.

3. Transfer credit will not be awarded for LEGL 225 and LEGL 270.

\*Notwithstanding the provisions detailed above: in no circumstance will a student be awarded a Legal Studies Associate degree or Certificate unless at least 9 hours of Legal Studies specialty course work has been completed at LCC in a synchronous class format.

**Contact Information**

For further information, including about career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Public Service Careers Program, West Campus Building, Room M127, telephone number 517-483-1570, or Student Services West Campus, West Campus Building, Room M106, telephone number 517-267-5452.

**General Education – Applied Degrees, Recommended Courses**

(For the full list of options, see [General Education](#).)

- English Composition or Applied English – *Select one*  
ENGL 121, Composition I, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
  
- English Composition (second course)/Communication – *Select one*  
COMM 130, Fundamentals Public Speaking, 3 credits / 3 billing hours
  
- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences– *Select one*  
MGMT 234, Diversity in the Workplace, 3 credits / 3 billing hours
  
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics – *Select one*  
MATH 119, Math – Applications for Living, 4 credits / 4 billing hours  
MATH 120, College Algebra, 4 credits / 4 billing hours
  
- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab – *Select one*  
BIOL 120, Environmental Science, 4 credits / 6 billing hours  
BIOL 121, Biol Foundation for Physiology, 4 credits / 6 billing hours

**Program of Study Required Courses**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CITF 110	Intro Computer Info Systems	3 / 3
LEGL 115	Introduction to Legal Studies	3 / 3
LEGL 125	Legal Research and Writing I	3 / 3
LEGL 160	Critical Thinking in Law	3 / 3
LEGL 207	eDiscovery	3 / 3
LEGL 211	Tort Law	3 / 3
LEGL 212	Litigation Procedures	3 / 3
LEGL 217	Business Organizations	3 / 3
LEGL 222	Probate Law and Procedure	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
LEGL 223	Domestic Relations	3 / 3
LEGL 225	Legal Research and Writing II	3 / 3
LEGL 228	Computer Appl for the Law Ofc	3 / 3
LEGL 270	Paralegal Certification Prep	3 / 3

**Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – *Select two***

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
CJUS 103	Criminal Law	3 / 3
LEGL 215	Business Law–Basic Principles	3 / 3
LEGL 216	Commercial Transactions	3 / 3
LEGL 218	Litigation Specialties	3 / 3
LEGL 229	Immigration Law	3 / 3
LEGL 251	Legal Studies Independent Study	3 / 3
LEGL 280	Legal Studies Internship	3 / 3

**Minimum Total Credit Hours**

63 credits / 65 billing hours

**Recommended Course Sequence**

Semester I
Gen Ed – English Composition or Applied English
Gen Ed - Mathematics or Applied Mathematics
LEGL 115 – Milestone course
LEGL 160
LEGL 211

Semester II
Gen Ed – English Composition (second course)/ Communication or Applied English
Gen Ed – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab
CITF 110
LEGL 212
LEGL 228

Semester III
LEGL 125
LEGL 207
LEGL 217
LEGL 222
Limited Choice

Semester IV
Gen Ed – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
LEGL 223
LEGL 225
LEGL 270
Limited Choice

*LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree title changes, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice.*